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Except for the NPR stations, most of broadcast radio has become stale and so targeted to specific demographic audiences that intelligent listeners find it to be almost irrelevant. Talk radio is a farce!

As a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio, I have renewed opportunity to hear music of many types, along with news when I want it. The localized traffic and weather broadcasts are valuable, and a true public service. XM and other satellite broadcasters should be commended in their efforts to inform and entertain, and organized efforts to stop them from providing this service should not be allowed to succeed. Having good traffic information, hours and miles ahead of when you are actually in the area, is a good way to avoid gasoline wasting tie-ups, and therefore to save fuel and save on the cost of gas.

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